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**PERSONAL.**

Dr. and Mrs. Edson Green, of Green Ridge, have as their guests Misses Bentley and Wood, of Honesdale.

Mrs. Harry Storm went to join her husband in Johnston last week. The Creston Clarke company will be at the Lyceum March 1.

Horace M. Walton, Roscoe Dale, Thos. R. Brooks and W. R. McClave were registered at the Hotel Lafayette in Philadelphia Saturday.

Miss Alice O'Malley, of Wyoming avenue, has returned from a visit to Toledo, O. She was accompanied from Buffalo a trip to Florida tomorrow.

Victor Koch, of the Scranton House; ex-Sheriff Charles Robinson and John Benore, of John Benore & Son, leave for a trip to Florida tomorrow.

The engagement of Miss Jennie Dann, of Buffalo, to Thomas F. Archbold, of Jefferson avenue, is announced. Miss Dann is well known in Scranton society.

Miss Bradley, of Jonas Longs Some millinery department, returned from New York Saturday, where she spent a week making choice selections of spring styles.

F. J. McDonnell, who was connected with the wholesale liquor house conducted by William Kelly, of Lackawanna avenue, has accepted a position as traveling salesman for Casey Bros.

An informal affair was held Saturday evening at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Jones, of Olive street. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Rice, Dr. and Mrs. Ware, Mr. and Mrs. William Silliman, Mr. and Mrs. L. G. LaBar, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Foyell, Mr. and Mrs. John Roll, Mr. and Mrs. George Russ, Mr. and Mrs. I. F. Megarig, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Connel, Mr. and Mrs. John Simpson, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schlager, Mrs. Wheeler, of Buffalo.

The following editorial paragraph appeared in Saturday's Times concerning changes to go into effect on that paper today: "Mr. M. J. O'Toole has resigned the city editorship of the Times, which he has held for four years to accept a tempting proposal to become editor of the Scrantonian. We acknowledge with pleasure the excellent service Mr. O'Toole has rendered to the Times and regard him as one of the brightest and most efficient editors of the city. We trust that his relations in his new environment will be as pleasant as they were with us and predict that his ability, tact and business will increase the prosperity of the Scrantonian. Mr. J. D. Keator, who has had an experience of three years on the Times' local staff, has been promoted to be local editor. Let his works speak for him." Mr. Rafter, who has been the South Scranton representative of the paper, will succeed Mr. Keator on the local staff.

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**ODDS AND ENDS OF CURRENT TOPICS**

**SECRETARY APPOINTED BY MAYOR-ELECT MOIR.**

Precedent Set by Mayor Connell and Mayor Bailey Was Not Followed. Mr. Hatton Has Had a Large Amount of Experience with Matters Pertaining to the City Government—Those Who Have Preceded Him in the Office—Visit of Band Manager Greer.

Mayor-elect Moir has not followed the precedent established by his predecessors in the matter of appointing his secretary. Mayor Connell and Mayor Bailey selected their secretaries from among the active newspaper workers of the city, but the mayor-elect has seen fit to name Henry C. Hatton as his confidential man.

The selection is an excellent one. Mr. Hatton has had an extensive experience in matters pertaining to the city government during the last ten years. Almost immediately after reaching his majority he went into the common council as the representative of the first ward, and made a fine record. He was bright, genial and energetic and soon won a conspicuous place among the older members of that branch of the city council. Since his retirement from council he has been a clerk in several departments of the city hall, and is now filling the position of clerk of the common council, of which body Mayor-elect Moir is chairman. Mr. Hatton is well fitted by temperament and experience to take charge of the great army of callers who every day invade the mayor's office. It requires infinite tact and almost the gift of a mind reader to satisfactorily sift the wheat from the chaff to the end that the time of His Honor may not be needlessly wasted, and that the callers who have a valid reason for seeing the mayor may be heard.

Mayor-elect Moir is not without precedent, however, in going outside the ranks of newspaper workers for his secretary. During a portion of the term of Hon. John H. Fellows, Major E. D. Fellows, now secretary of the board of control, helped the mayor to attend to the innumerable matters that came before him for consideration. A secretary was of no great assistance to Mayor Fellows, however. He insisted on seeing every caller and also in writing every letter and public document until he discovered that his messages to council received greater consideration after passing through the hands of a resourceful secretary. When Mayor Fellows learned that lesson his perpendicular handwriting and long sentences were less a feature of the sessions of council and his messages came in good, legible, type-written fashion that disclosed less of the individuality of the man and stirred up less opposition.

Until the end of his term Mayor Fellows never delegated to any one else the responsibility of seeing his callers. His office was on the top floor of the Commonwealth building, where many weary hours were put in by persons who had urgent business with his honor, but could not get his ear until a host of callers who wanted to be exonerated from the payment of a dog tax or some equally important matter had been heard at length. One of the compensations of a visit to the mayor's coming tower was the splendid view that could be obtained. The Commonwealth building was then the tallest structure in the city and those who visited his honor's quarters for the first time were much impressed by the panorama that spread out before them.

It was Mayor Connell who first demonstrated the possibilities of a secretary. When he was induced into office and went to his quarters in the city hall he took with him Mark Edgar, who had been for some time prior to that event a member of the city staff of The Tribune. Mr. Edgar was not only a good newspaper man and a writer of more than ordinary cleverness, but a polished gentleman and a diplomat. The smoothness with which he handled the swarm of persons who found their way into the mayor's office was little less than marvellous. His services were almost priceless to Mayor Connell, who was endeavoring to give his best energies and thought to city matters and could not afford to have his office hours wasted where it would do no good.

Mr. Edgar stood between the mayor and the flood and disposed of all matters save those that were essential the mayor should consider personally. The results were very satisfactory. There was no cooling of heels for hours in the mayor's ante-chamber. Those who had proper business to discuss with his honor saw him at once and were given ample time to talk over the matter at hand. The triflers and time consumers found a barrier between them and the city's chief magistrate.

When Mayor Bailey succeeded Mayor Connell he saw the advantages of the system that his predecessor had introduced and at once availed himself of it by appointing R. J. Branch as his secretary. The great usefulness of his secretary to Mayor Bailey is known by every person who has had business dealings with the mayor's office by every person who has had business dealings with the mayor's office during the last three years.

James Greer, of New York city, manager of the Letter Carriers' band of that city, was the guest of the local carriers Saturday and yesterday. Mr. Greer's band consists of sixty-five pieces, and will be heard here next September when the National Letter Carriers' association honors Scranton with its convention. The band was one of the features of the convention at Toledo, O., last September and Mr. Greer is certain it will be no less a feature of the convention in this city. His visit here at this time is for the purpose of arranging for accommodations for the band men.

When Mr. Greer arrived Saturday afternoon the local postmen took him to the Lyceum to hear the concert given by the Banda Rosa, "Mighty Five." Was Mr. Greer's comment after the concert, "but it's not the letter carriers' band by a good deal. We don't claim, of course, to possess the technique of the Banda Rosa artists, and probably would not be able to do anything with their heavy numbers, but for the ordinary run of band music we are in the race. You'll hear us in September, when we come to the convention. Yes, you'll hear a whole lot of us, for we're going to stay a week."

Mr. Greer was very favorably impressed by the appearance of Scranton. It was his first visit to the metropolis

**COMBINATION'S AN ASSURED FACT**

**ELECTRIC LIGHT COMPANIES UNDER ONE MANAGEMENT.**  
Dunmore Electric Light Company, Suburban Electric Light Company and Scranton Illuminating Heat and Power Company Have Passed Into the Control of the Trust. Dunmore Plant Has Been Purchased Outright and It Is Said Will Be Shut Down.

The big combination of local electrical companies the details of which were exclusively foretold in The Tribune several weeks ago, is now an assured fact. The American Electric Light, Heat and Power company which is at the head of the movement will after March 1 be actively interested in the management of the Dunmore Electric Light company, Suburban Electric Light company and the Scranton Illuminating Heat and Power company.

The Scranton Electric Light company, which furnishes the lights for the city and is controlled by the Scranton Gas and Water company, will probably not pass into the control of the trust but there will be at least a business understanding which will prevent active competition with the trust.

Negotiations with the Dunmore Suburban and Illuminating companies have been brought to a satisfactory termination and now to all intents and purposes are in the trust.

Information with reference to the deal is jealously guarded but it is understood that the Dunmore plant has been purchased outright and will soon be shut down. The power necessary to carry on the business it has been doing will be supplied from the Suburban plant on Washington avenue.

The arrangement under which the Suburban and Illuminating companies go into the trust is not a complete surrender of their identity as companies, but is more in the nature of a pooling arrangement.

Some time ago the Carbondale company passed into the control of the trust and before long it is confidently asserted that all the electric companies in the valley will have one general head to direct their affairs.

**CRUELTY TO CHILDREN.**

**Two Small Boys Compelled to Solicit Aims from the Public.**  
A case of extreme cruelty to children was discovered by several persons whose business kept them in the central city late Saturday night. Two dirty-faced boys, whose names are Dan and Dougherty, aged 14 years, and Willie Dougherty, aged 8 years, were seen soliciting alms at 628 Lackawanna avenue, and by going through some acrobatic feats, excited sympathy from the older ones who observed them.

Inquiry revealed the fact that these boys have been doing this work for some time, and upon questioning, the older boy stated that himself and his brother were afraid to go home before they obtained a certain sum of money each night, fearing punishment. Their father's name is Michael Dougherty, and he resides at 628 Lackawanna street. If their story is correct their case ought to be attended to at once by the authorities.

**THE REGIMENT'S RETURN**

**Committee Much Perplexed Over the Arrival Being Scheduled for a Sabbath Day—Another Meeting to Be Held Saturday.**  
As a way out of the dilemma which the return of the Thirtieth on a sabbath day presents, it is suggested that the formal welcoming demonstration be postponed until a few days later, and that they be given a banquet at the armory and a reception at the Lyceum.

The reception committee at its meeting Saturday was in a quandary as to what was best to do. After many plans were discussed the above suggestion was adopted as the best put forward, and if it meets with favor from the soldiers themselves will likely be adopted.

Secretary Charles E. Daniels was instructed to submit the proposition to Colonel Courson with the request that he ascertain the sentiment of the men and acquaint the committee with the same at the earliest moment.

It is expected that an answer by telegraph will have been received when the committee meets again Wednesday afternoon.

The detailed plan of this demonstration contemplates a half holiday throughout the whole city and a parade from the armory to the Lyceum between the banquet and the reception. The Eleventh regiment, the old members of the Thirtieth and the Grand Army veterans will form the escort.

None but members of the regiment will be invited to the banquet. Each member of the regiment will have the privilege of inviting one friend to the reception. As there are over eight hundred members of the regiment, that is a big number, will tax the capacity of the theater.

The out-of-town companies will be requested to attend the celebration in uniform.

This is the way they are going at the reception which is to be given the fifteen or more Hallstead boys, who are out with the Thirtieth.

**PAYING FOR THE STOCK.**

**Consolidated Company Pays with \$100,000 of Its Cash.**  
Joseph J. Jernyn, George B. Jernyn and R. H. Patterson, of this city, were in Carbondale Saturday paying for the stock recently purchased from the stockholders of the Crystal Lake Water company. The gentlemen named are the principal stockholders of the new Consolidated Water Supply company, which is to succeed the Crystal Lake Water company.

Over \$100,000 was paid out in Carbondale Saturday for the Crystal Lake stockholders. They received \$1,000 for every \$100 share of their stock.

The consolidated company was chartered to do business in Lackawanna and Susquehanna counties and has already viewed the location of several other water plants. The new dam at Brownell's swamp is to be built at once and important extensions to the mains of the Crystal Lake company in Carbondale are to be made this summer.

**NUMBER OF WITNESSES HEARD.**

**Examined Saturday in the Langstaff-Kelly Contest.**  
The following Dunmore voters were examined Saturday in the Langstaff-Kelly election contest:

Harry Davis, Sam Willis, Brooks, Frank Merrifield, Joseph Jackson, J. W. Cooper, John Traddie, Frank Rice, John Allen, M. E. Vegliard, James Triant, E. N. Weaver, J. B. Towner, T. R. McClintock, James Matter, Bryan Brady, Frank Cole, David Decker, Frank Williams, Joseph Edwards, Holcomb, Willis G. Clark, Alex. Marsh, Frank Seor, Adam Hill, Ben Parsons, Preston Smith, Timothy Foster, A. A. Peckins, Steve Rosenowk, Joseph Gillette, A. L. Conrad, Jerome Wade, Sylvester Knapp, Ed Swartz, H. J. Swartz, Charles J. Hadenstine, Joseph Dodge, George Jackson, John Price, Clarence Jackson, George Jones and Jason Cole.

**FUNERAL OF M. HENCHY.**

**Services Held at St. Peter's Cathedral Saturday Morning.**  
Many friends attended the funeral of the late Michael Henchy, which was held Saturday morning from the residence of Mrs. Greiser Engineering company, of Chicago.

Deceased was injured at the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western machine shops over a week ago and died last Thursday afternoon at the Moses Taylor hospital.

The remains were borne to St. Peter's cathedral at 9 o'clock and a high mass of requiem was celebrated. At the conclusion of the services the remains were borne to the cathedral cemetery, where interment was made. The pallbearers were Thomas Hogan, John Murphy, Philip and Daniel McAlone, John Kennedy and Thomas O'Malley.

**CAUSED EXCITEMENT.**

**Horses Ran Away. Driver Was Thrown Out, Carriage Damaged.**  
Blacksmith Philip Schnell had an exciting experience Saturday shortly after noon, while on his way from Green Ridge to his shop. He was driving a single horse and leading another in the rear. The latter becoming frightened reared and planted his fore feet in the back of the buggy.

The noise and lurch of the vehicle startled the driver horse and away he dashed. Schnell was thrown out and both horses ran away. The horses were later captured. Mr. Schnell was unharmed but the carriage was damaged.

**EXCITING RUNAWAY.**

**Horse Belonging to M. E. Alderman Injured and Had to Be Shot.**  
A runaway horse caused considerable excitement on West Market street Saturday morning. The animal is owned by M. E. Alderman, and was being used by Grover Stoll. While standing in front of the latter's place of business, the horse became frightened and dashed down the street, striking several wagons, but no one was injured.

The horse fell near the East Market street bridge and one of its legs was broken. It is reported necessary to shoot the animal and Patrolman John Thomas put it out of its misery.

**MILLS WILL RESUME.**

**South Mills Shut Down for Repairs Since Friday's Accident.**  
After several days' delay, the South steel mills of the Lackawanna Iron and Steel company are scheduled to resume operations tonight. The mills were forced to shut down last Thursday night as a result of the accident to the "blower" engine, which caused the death of John Joyce and serious injuries to two other workmen by the breaking of a large fly-wheel.

The injured workmen are progressing favorably. The coroner has taken no action as yet as regards an investigation into the cause of the death of Joyce, but expects to do so today.

**ELECTION CONTEST THAT IS UNIQUE**

**MADISON TOWNSHIP CANDIDATES COMPLAINANTS.**  
They Allege That After the Names of the Republican Candidates for School Directors There Was Nothing to Indicate the Length of the Terms of the Offices They Aspired to Fill—Count of the Vote Cast at Tuesday's Election in Scranton and Carbondale Completed.

An election contest that is somewhat unique in its way was begun Saturday by Attorney M. J. Martin before Clerk of the Courts Daniels. It will not elicit a big bill of expense on the taxpayers, as some of its distinguished predecessors have done. The contest is brought under the provisions of the school law of 1854, which provide that when directors for different terms are to be voted for the term for which each one aspires must follow his name.

Three directors were to have been elected Tuesday in Madison township, two for three years and one for one year. L. J. Hornbaker, D. W. Swarts and John Frie were the Republican candidates, and John McAndrew, Edward Webster and Thomas Hoar were the Democratic candidates.

It is alleged that the terms of the Republican candidates were not specified and that under the law all votes cast for them will be thrown out. If that be so, the three Democrats will take the offices.

There is a tie between Hornbaker and McAndrew, each receiving thirty votes. The contest will consist of nothing more exciting than a recount of the votes by the clerk of the courts.

**THE COUNT COMPLETED.**

On Saturday the official footings of the votes cast for candidates last Tuesday in the cities of Scranton and Carbondale were ascertained by the court. The vote in the city of Scranton was printed in the Tribune Saturday. For Carbondale a summary of the vote is as follows:

Mayor—J. W. Kilpatrick, D. 1,507; J. M. Alexander, R. 1,289. Kilpatrick's majority, 218.

Treasurer—P. P. Connor, D. 1,502; Louis Gramer, R. 1,274. Connor's majority, 229.

Controller—John F. Wheeler, D. 1,515; J. M. Stewart, R. 994. Wheeler's majority, 521.

Assessors—W. H. Bate, R. 1,257; Thos. Scott, R. 1,093; Robert Campbell, R. 1,047; John Moffitt, D. 1,158; John Hanson, D. 1,286; P. F. McKenna, D. 1,085.

Court directed the payment of the force of clerks Saturday who assisted in the count. Attorneys J. F. Gilroy and Ralph Levy received \$25 each; Attorneys W. M. Bunnell, W. F. Shean, C. E. Daniels and F. M. Lynch, each \$20; and Attorney W. M. Lowry and Deputy Protectors John F. Curran, \$15 each. The latter two prepared the blanks in which the vote was compiled.

**EXCEPTIONS DISMISSED.**

On Saturday Judge R. W. Archbold handed down an opinion dismissing the exceptions to the report of the auditor in the estate of Emma S. Watkins, deceased. Mrs. Watkins died in 1888 and left five children. There was a lien against some property she owned and to satisfy it a sheriff's sale took place. The sale brought about \$1,000 more than enough to pay the debt and this sum was put into a fund for the benefit of the minor children.

David T. Jenkins put in a bill of \$12 a month for the board of one of the children and Attorney Charles E. Olyer, who was appointed auditor to distribute the fund, refused to allow the claim. Judge Archbold sustains him. The opinion was on the exceptions to Mr. Olyer's rejection of the claim.

**BURGLAR AT RICHMONT PARK.**

**Tried to Gain Entrance to James R. Burnett's Residence.**  
An attempt was made to burglarize the residence of Attorney James R. Burnett, on Richmond avenue, at 11 o'clock Friday night. The intruder was discovered operating on a rear window of the cellar by a lady living near by, who gave the alarm.

The burglar made his escape without securing anything. Several of the neighbors searched for the man, but no trace of him could be found.

**GIBBONS CASE ADVANCED.**

**Supreme Court Will Hear Argument On April 10.**  
Upon petition of Attorney R. H. Holgate, the Supreme court has fixed April 10 as a special date for hearing arguments in the John Gibbons contempt proceedings.

In the original order made early last week the case was set down for argument during Lackawanna's week before the Supreme court in February, 1900.

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**STEPHENS.**—At Nicholson, Pa., Feb. 27, 1899, to Mr. and Mrs. Harry S. Stephens, a son.

**DIED.**

**DAVIS.**—In West Scranton, Feb. 25, 1899, Thomas W. Davis, aged 63 years, at his residence, 22 1/2 South Main street. Funeral Tuesday afternoon at 7 o'clock.

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